(b) the number of branches opened in India by foreign banks during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Permission to foreign banks for opening branches in India is granted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) which is the central licensing authority for issue of licences to open branches. While granting a licence, RBI keeps in view the principle of reciprocity and the national interest likely to be served by permitting a foreign bank to operate in India. The international status of the applicant bank, the quality of its management, methods of its operations and the overall benefit that would accrue to the country by opening of a branch by the foreign bank are some of the other considerations which are kept in view by the RBI.

(b) The number of branches opened in India by foreign banks during the last three years is given below:—

Year	No. of branches opened
1984	1
1985	2
1986	1

Show cause notice to cigarette companies

2205. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have served show cause notices on some cigarette companies for demanding excise duty for under-valuation of cigarettes during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) if so, what are the names of such companies and amount of excise duty involved;

(c) the amount of excise duty collected from such companies so far; and

(d) if no excise duty have been collected, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) It is a fact that Government have served show cause notices on some cigaratte companies for evasion of excise duty through undervaluation during the last three years *i.e.*, 1985, 1986 and 1987 (upto July, 1987). The names of the companies to whom such show cause notices have been issued and the amounts of excise duty involved are given in the Statement (*See* below). The total amount involved is Rs. 1091.45 crores.

(c) and (d) Out of the amounts demanded in the above show cause notices, no amounts have yet been paid by the cigarette companies, except an amount of Rs. 2.45 crores paid voluntarily by M/s. I.T.C. towards 5 pending show cause notices. The recovery of excise duty demanded in the show cause notices can be enforced only after the adjudication of the show cause notices. In some cases the show cause notices have been very recently issued and are pending adjudication and in other cases the adjudication have been delayed as the companies have recorded to litigation.

Statement

Show cause Notices Issued to Cigarette Companies during 1-1-85 *to* 31-7-1987 *for under valuation of Cigarettes*

S. No.	Name of the company	Date of Show Cause notice	Amount of Central Excise Duty (Rs in lakh)
1	2	3	4
I. *GTC*			
1	M/s. GTC Industries Ltd.	2-9-85	1337.16
2	M/s. GTC Industries Ltd., Baroda	25-3-86	743.84

1	2	3	4
3	M/s. GTC Industries Ltd., Bombay	4-4-86	1382.89
4	M/s. North East Tobacco Co. Guwahati and M/s Golden Tobacco Co., Guwahati	24 2-86	43.25
5	M/s. Sri Chandra Tobacco Co., Hyderabad M/s. Golden Tobacco Co. Hyderabad and M/s. Suverna filter and Tobacco Products, Hyderabad . . .	23-4-86	574 87
6	M/s. G.T.C Industries, Baroda	22-9-86	402.2
			4484.24
II.	*Godfrey Phillips (I) Ltd.*		
1	M/s. Godfrey Phillips (I) Ltd., Bombay . . .	31-10-86	14.07
2	M/s. International Tobacco Co., Ghaziabad . . .	6-11-86	17.18
3	M/s godfrey Phillips (I) Ltd., Bombay . . .	22-5-87	3176 82
4	M/s. Godfrey Phillips (I) Ltd. and International Tobacco Co., Ghaziabad	8-6-87	1895.60
5	M/s. Godfrey Phillips (I) Ltd., Bombay & N. Delhi and M/s. Hilton Tobacco Co., Hyderabad .	8-6-87	740.52
			5844.19
III	*N.T.C.*		
1	M/s. Duncan Tobacco Co., Biccavole . . .	30-9-86	2813.7
2	M/s. Duncan Agro Industries Ltd., Calcutta and others	1-10-86	9755.56
3	M/s. New Tobacco Co., Agarpara	18-12-85	37.50
4	M/s. North India Tobacco Co., Ghaziabad . .	4-11-85	56.3
			12663.15
IV.	*I.T.C.*		
1	M/s. I.T.C., Calcutta	26-3-1987	Not yet quantified
2	M/s. I.T.C. Ltd., Saharanpur	27-3-1987	Not yet quantified
3	M/s. I.T.C. Ltd., Munger	7-1-1987	Not yet quantified
4	M/s I.T.C Ltd., and its job workers. . . .	27-3-1987	80377.97
5	M/s. I.T.C. Ltd., Bangalore	7-4-1987	109.00
6	M/s. I.T.C Ltd., Bombay	13-4-1987	234.23

(1)	2	(3)	(4)
7	M/s. I.T.C. Ltd., Calcutta and Asia Tobacco Co, Hosur	19-5-1987	1045.16
8	M/s. I.T.C Ltd., Mungher	3-7-1987	3981.00
9	M/s I.T.C. Ltd. Mungher	2-7-1987	406.35
			86153.71
	I. G.T.C.		4484.24
	II. G.P.I		5844.19
	III. N.T.C		12663.15
	IV. I.T.C.		86153.71
		GRAND TOTAL	109145.29

Drive against economic offenders

2206. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently chalked out any programme to step up its drive against economic offenders; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Action plans are chalked out on yearly basis and the progress of action is closely monitored by the Government.

Late night films on T.V.

2207. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many Doordarshan viewers live in one room apartments, and late night films on Fridays are seen by children which contain scenes or dialogues not meant for children;

(b) whether Government propose to screen only 'U' films on Fridays; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) The purpose of introducing 'late night films' is to show films of high artistic quality. The main criterion is not the category of Censor Certificate, but quality of the film. Since some of the films may deal with subjects with mature concepts, the telecast has been deliberately kept for late night. Before the start of any film classified as "A", a caption is shown on the screen indicating that the film is not recommended for those below 18 years of age. As such, children are not expected to watch such films.

Corruption in Gun and Shell Factory, Cossipore

2208. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated